

# SCOREBOARD

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## Advancing out of pool play

### Legion team wins pool in the Gopher Classic

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For the first time, the Shakopee American Legion Post No. 2 baseball team advanced out of pool play in the Gophers Classic.

Shakopee won its pool and advanced to the 16-team bracket play before bowing out with a loss to the eventual champion.

The 96-team tournament is held at 16 different sites throughout the Twin Cities and each team will participate in a pool of six teams while playing five games in three days.

The winner of each pool advances to the 16-team bracket tournament.

Shakopee played in the Lakeville North pool where games were played at Lakeville North and Elko. Post No. 2 went 4-1 in pool play to win the pool and advance to the bracket.

They opened up the bracket tournament against Wayzata at Poppitz Field in Victoria on Monday. Wayzata defeated Shakopee 5-3 and went on to beat Excelsior, West Fargo and New Ulm Gold to win the Gopher Classic Championship.

In that loss, Wayzata went up 4-0 in the top of the third inning and dodged a couple of Shakopee bullets to win 5-3. Post No. 2 loaded the bases with nobody out in the bottom



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**Catcher Tommy Bazzarre blocks a pitch in the dirt for the Shakopee Legion team against Wayzata.**

of the third but failed to score.

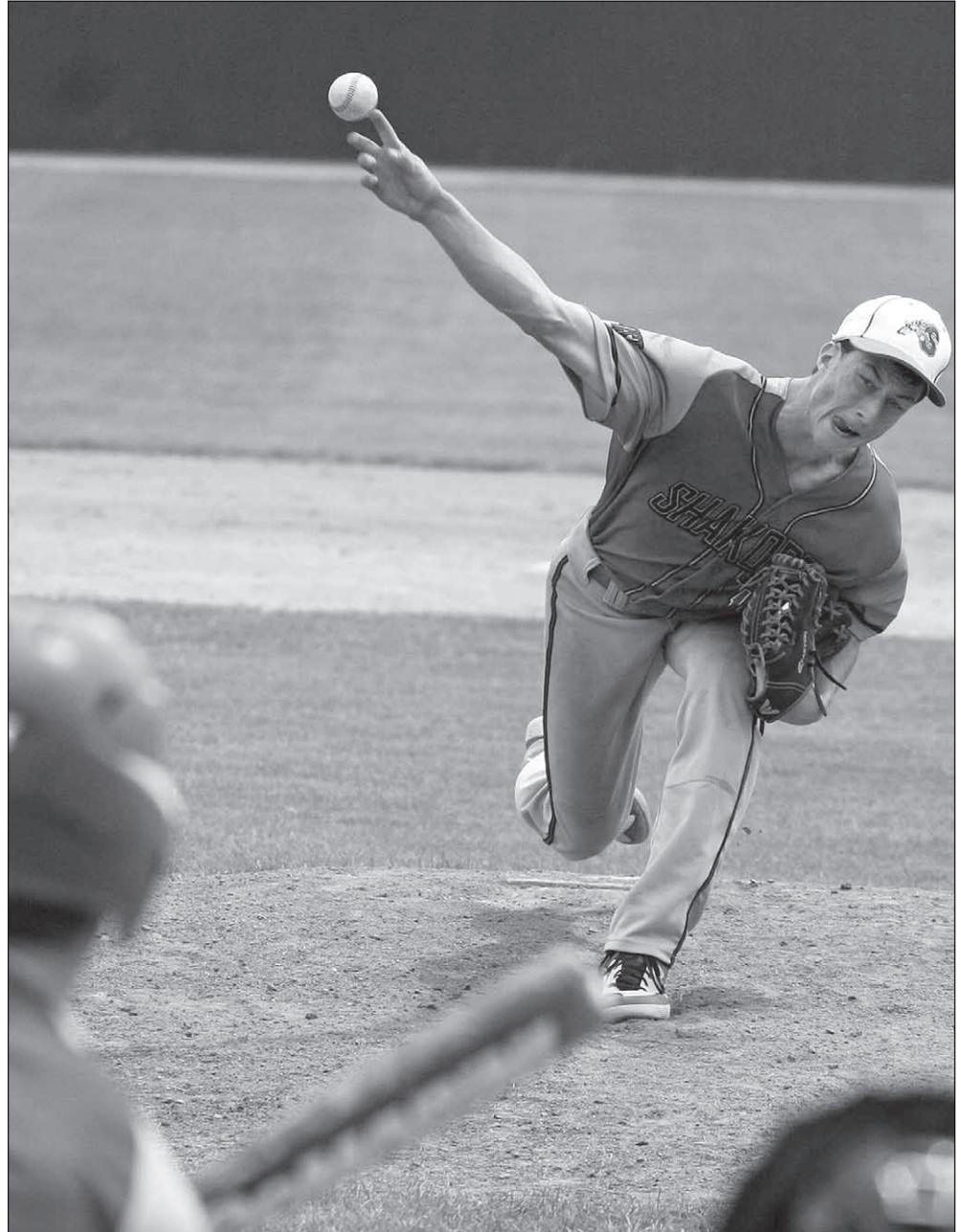
Shakopee cut the lead to 4-3 in the fourth inning. They loaded the bases with one out and got RBIs from Eli Temp, and Marko Slipka to cut it to 4-2. Temp stole home to put the score at 4-3.

Wayzata added a run in the fifth inning and went on to win 5-3.

Shakopee opened the tournament with a tough 4-2 loss

to Omaha, Neb., on Friday in Elko. They bounced back to beat East Grand Forks 6-5 in a rain-shortened game.

On Saturday, they defeated Sioux Falls East 7-5. That was a big win as Sioux Falls was undefeated in pool play at the time. They kept on winning with a 4-1 win against Stillwater and a 13-5 win against Lakeville North to win the pool.



**Jaymeson Unger delivers a pitch to the plate against Wayzata during the Gopher Classic.**

## Indians baseball earns section win

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The Shakopee Indians sandwiched a win between two losses this week.

The Indians opened the week by falling to Jordan and ended with a loss to Waterville. In between, they earned a big section win with a victory against the Burnsville Bobcats.

The latest loss came on Tuesday night as the Indians lost to Waterville 5-2 at Schleper Stadium. That win was Waterville's 25th straight win this season.

Waterville struck early with two runs in the first inning. They added another run in the fourth for a 3-0 lead.

Shakopee got back into

the game in the sixth inning when Aaron Olson went deep for a 2-run home run to cut the lead to 3-2. Waterville pushed across two more runs in the eighth and went on to win 5-2.

The only win of the week was a 10-3 win against Burnsville on Sunday night. The game was close until the Indians exploded for six runs in the sixth inning.

Shakopee led 3-2 heading into the sixth inning when they scored six times. The sixth inning rally started with Jimmy Bombach leading off with a single. A walk to Patrick Rients and a single from Olson loaded the bases for John Hellkamp with nobody out.

A wild pitch plated Bombach for a 4-2 lead and al-

lowed the other two runners to move up a base. Hellkamp singled home both Rients and Olson for a 6-2 lead. Jack Sievers followed with an RBI single, and Dominick Schleper made it 8-2 on a sac fly.

Steven Boldt made it 9-2 with a double that brought Sievers home to score. Josh Meyer earned the win on the mound by pitching eight innings and giving up just two runs and striking out six.

The week started with a tough loss to the Jordan Brewers last Friday night at the Mini-Met in Jordan. Shakopee led 4-1 after four innings but Jordan rallied to score seven runs in the final three innings to beat the Indians 8-4.

The Indians loaded the

bases with no outs in the second inning but only scored one run for a 1-0 lead. Jordan tied it in the bottom of the second but Shakopee came back and went up 2-1 in the third inning on a Jack Sievers home run, his first career Indians home run.

In the fourth inning, Shakopee scored twice on a Jack Schleper single for a 4-1 lead. Things started to go south in the sixth inning when Jordan scored twice. The Brewers tied it up in the seventh inning and then scored four runs in the eighth inning and went on to beat the Indians 8-4.

Shakopee has three games left in the regular season against section opponents Prior Lake, Victoria and Chaska.



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**Patrick Rients and the Indians defeated the Burnsville Bobcats.**